

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Entry of this Amendment under Rule 116 is merited as it raises no new issues and requires no further search.

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 4-5, 18-19, 21-23 and 26-28 are pending in the instant application. Claims 5 and 26 have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of base claim 1 and the respective intervening claims. Claims 1-3, 6-17, 20 and 24-25 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been introduced through the foregoing amendments

Claims 4, 19, 21-13 and 26-28 stand allowed/allowable.

The anticipatory rejection of claim 5 is traversed, because the applied reference does not fairly teach or suggest that said follower has a cross section which is taken in a plane parallel to the plane of the work face and comprises a straight side. This feature is supported by FIG. 9 of the instant application which shows that the follower 14 has a straight side in a cross section which is taken in a plane parallel to the plane of the work face.

The Examiner's reliance on FIG. 16 of *Arakawa* is noted. FIG. 16 of *Arakawa* is a cross sectional view of the flower 27 taken in a plane perpendicular to the plane of FIG. 15. The plane of FIG. 15 is parallel to the plane of the work face (FIGs. 19-22, Final Office Action at page 2, line 5 from bottom). Therefore, FIG. 16 of *Arakawa* is a cross sectional view of the flower 27 taken in a plane perpendicular, rather than parallel, to the plane of the work face. As can be seen in FIG. 15 of *Arakawa*, if a cross section of the follower 27 is taken in a plane parallel to the plane of the work face as recited in claim 5, such cross section would be rounded as illustrated by phantom line in FIG. 15, and does not have any straight side. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that

claim 5 is not anticipated by *Arakawa*.

Indication of allowable subject matter of claim 5 is the absence of other relevant art is believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

The anticipatory rejection of claim 18 is traversed, because the applied reference does not fairly teach or suggest that the elastic leg is deformable in a plane of a work face of said case.

The Examiner's argument in page 8 of the Final Office Action is noted. According to the Examiner, the leg of *Arakawa* is rotatable, wherein the leg is deformable from the rest position to the actuating position, where the follower traces the cam surface. See final Office Action at page 8, lines 4-6. Applicants respectfully disagree, because the *Arakawa* leg (7, Final Office Action at page 5, line 5) is not disclosed or suggested to be deformable as the follower traces the cam surface.

"Deformable" or "deform" is defined in *Webster's II New College Dictionary* (1995) as "[t]o alter the shape of by pressure or stress." See attached *Exhibit C* (emphasis added). As can be seen in FIGs. 2-3 and FIGs. 19-22, the shape of leg 7 is not altered as follower 27 traces the cam surface; only the orientation of leg 7 is changed. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that leg 7 of *Arakawa* is not deformable in the presently claimed manner, and that claim 18 is not anticipated by *Arakawa*.

Indication of allowable subject matter of claim 18 is the absence of other relevant art is believed appropriate and therefore respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all claims in the present application are now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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